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C O N F I D E N T I A L 082339Z JUN 73
CITE NPIC 5036TO: [REDACTED] 25X1A
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THIS IS FROM [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. ANALYSIS OF [REDACTED] 25X1A

REVEALS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED SEGMENT OF PETROLEUM PIPELINE (PPL) IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE. THE APPROXIMATELY 12 MILE OBSERVED PORTION OF PPL IS PROBABLY A SOUTHWARD EXTENSION OF THE PPL ORIGINATING IN NORTH VIETNAM AND EXTENDING THROUGH THE MUONG NONG [REDACTED] AREA OF LAOS. THIS 25X1A PPL WAS LAST SEEN IN JANUARY 1973 ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF THE 25X1A SE KONG RIVER AT [REDACTED]

2. THE NEWLY IDENTIFIED PORTION OF THE PPL HAS A NORTH-SOUTH ALIGNMENT AND PARALLELS ROUTE 1641. SEGMENTS OF THE PPL WERE OBSERVED INTERMITTENTLY BETWEEN [REDACTED] THE 25X1A LIMITS OF INTERPRETABLE PHOTOGRAPHY. SOME OF THE PPL IS BURIED, BUT MOST OF IT IS LYING ON THE SURFACE.

3. TWO PARALLEL PPL SEGMENTS WERE OBSERVED FROM [REDACTED] THIS SUGGESTS A POSSIBLE FORK 25X1A IN THE PPL IN THE VICINITY OF [REDACTED] HOWEVER, TREE CANOPY PREVENTS CONFIRMATION.

4. A POSSIBLE PUMPHOUSE WAS OBSERVED AT [REDACTED], IN THE VILLAGE 25X1A OF BAN TOUY LOUM.

5. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE WHEN THE PPL WAS CONSTRUCTED BECAUSE OF A LACK OF RECENT COMPARATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY.

6. REFERENCES:

B. MAP : AWS SERIES L7015 SHEET 6339-1

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